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Chapter 10

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

(Not Funded by DANTES)

Introduction	The LSAT program developed as a fast and efficient service for coordination of the law school admission process.
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Background	<p>The LSAT history is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Educational Testing Service (ETS) first administered the LSAT.• In 1979, responsibility for the test was transferred to the Law School Admission Council, Inc. (Law Services).• The Law School Admission Council, Inc. (LSAC) is a nonprofit corporation whose membership is comprised of those U.S. law schools approved by the American Bar Association.• Canadian law schools recognized by a provincial or territorial law society or government agency also are included in the voting membership of the Council.
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Description

LSAT	The LSAT is a half-day standardized test designed to assist law schools in assessing the academic promise of applicants.
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Measured Skills	<p>The LSAT is designed to measure skills that are considered essential for success in law school. These skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the reading and comprehension of complex texts with accuracy and insight,• the management and organization of information and the ability to draw reasonable inferences from it,• the ability to reason critically, and• the analysis and evaluation of the reasoning and arguments of others.
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Note: The LSAT provides a standard measure of acquired reading and verbal reasoning skills that law schools can use as one of several factors in assessing applicants.

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Description, Continued

Timed Sections The LSAT consists of five timed multiple-choice sections of questions and one timed writing sample section:

Section	Time Limit
Reading Comprehension	35 minutes
Analytical Reasoning	35 minutes
Logical Reasoning (2 each)	35 minutes each
Writing Sample*	30 minutes

Note: One of the multiple-choice sections is typically used to pretest new items or to equate new test forms.

*The 30-minute writing sample is not scored, but a copy is sent to each law school to which the LSAT score is reported.

Funding Eligibility

Military LSAT examinations may be administered to military personnel on an **unfunded** (examinee pays) basis.

Civilians LSAT examinations may be administered to the following civilians overseas on an **unfunded** (examinee pays), space-available basis according to Service regulations:

- U.S. military personnel and their family members,
 - U.S. civilians employed by the U.S. government and their family members, and
 - Retired U.S. military personnel and their family members.
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Establishing a "Nonpublished Test Center" and Ordering LSATs

Request Nonpublished Status

For guidance and information about establishing a nonpublished test center, contact DANTES, Code 20C, at (850) 452-1063, DSN 922-1063, or E-mail at tstreetv@voled.doded.mil.

A DANTES Test Center can request designation as a nonpublished test center **if there are no National Test Centers or nonpublished test centers within 75-100 miles.**

***Explain extenuating circumstances such as travel problems or weather conditions when requesting for a lesser distance.**

Establishment Process

A center cannot be established until Law Services receives:

1	The candidate's completed 2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration Form;
2	The proper fees (including the nonpublished test center fee);
3	A letter of special request signed by both the TCO and candidate stating the location (include city and country) of the DANTES Test Center where the candidate wishes to test.

Note: The materials listed above MUST be received by the applicable "Nonpublished Test Center" registration deadline for the selected test date. Refer to the "Dates and Fees" section of this chapter or to the registration materials for test dates and registration deadlines.

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Establishing a "Nonpublished Test Center" and Ordering LSATs, Continued

LSAT/LSDAS Registration

Each spring, LSAC distributes a current copy of the *LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book* to all DANTES Test Centers. Additional copies may be ordered directly from Law School Admission Council.

Note: Examinees testing at National Test Centers must obtain the *Information Book* from the National Test Center where they will test or from:

**Law School Admission Council
P.O. Box 2400
661 Penn Street
Newtown, PA 18940-0977**

Registration Forms

The *2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book* includes one LSAT/LSDAS Registration Form. Refer to the "Dates and Fees" section of this chapter.

Registration for National Test Dates

All candidates must register for the LSAT **in time to meet the registration postmark deadlines.** For additional registration information, visit **www.lsac.org** (on-line registration for National published test center administrations only). Submit a registration form and all required fees to Law School Admission Council. Refer to the "Testing Dates and Fees" section of this chapter.

Note: Walking in and registering on the day of the test is NOT permitted at any test center for any test administration.

Test Materials Sent

If Law School Admission Council has received all necessary documents and appropriate fees for a nonpublished test center, they will forward test materials and administrative instructions to the TCO approximately 5 weeks before the test date.

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Establishing a "Nonpublished Test Center" and Ordering LSATs, Continued

DO NOT Use ID Number	Leave item 17 (Test Center Codes) of the LSAT/LSDAS Registration Form blank. <u>Do not</u> tell candidates to fill in the DANTES ID number.
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Foreign Centers	For registration purposes, all centers outside Conus and those with APO and FPO addresses are considered foreign.
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Publications	LSAT-related publications and resources available to TCOs are listed in the "Study Guides, Practice Tests, and Resource Materials" section of this chapter.
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Examination Security

LSAT Test Loss or Compromise	DANTES' instructions for an LSAT test loss or compromise are as follows: If an LSAT is lost, compromised, or suspected of being compromised,
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- **Suspend LSAT testing immediately.**
- Contact DANTES, Code 20B, immediately call (850) 452-1063 or DSN 922-1063, or FAX (850) 452-1160, or DSN 922-1160, or e-mail at exams@voled.doded.mil.
- For complete notification procedures and if an investigation is required, refer to specific Service regulations and Part I of this *Handbook*, "DANTES Test Loss or Compromise Investigation Guidelines."

ANY breach of security must be reported immediately to DANTES, Code 20B. DANTES will then contact Law School Admission Council immediately.

Administration

Administrative Procedures	Observe the administrative procedures provided in Part I of this <i>Handbook</i> .
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Supervisor's Manual	Follow the instructions for test administration provided in the <i>LSAT Supervisor's Manual</i> , which will be shipped with test materials.
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Timed Examinations	The LSAT is a timed examination. Time limits must be strictly enforced.
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Specified Administration Date	<u>National Test Centers</u> The LSAT can be administered only on the date specified by Law School Admission Council.
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	<u>DANTES Non-published Test Centers</u> The LSAT can be administered only on the date specified by Law School Admission Council and DANTES.
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	Note: Refer to the "Testing Dates and Fees" section of this chapter or the DANTES Calendar of National Testing Programs.
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Test Booklets	Test booklets cannot be stocked. For 1-8 candidates registered at a Nonpublished Test Center, Law School Admission Council will send 10 test booklets. Extras are sent in case defective test booklets are discovered.
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Guessing	Encourage examinees to answer all questions and to guess if necessary. The number of questions answered correctly determines scores.
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	Note: There is no penalty for incorrect answers.
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Retesting

Retesting in the Same Test Cycle	Examinees may not take the LSAT at a National Test Center and retest at a DANTES Test Center during the same administrative cycle.
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Registration for Another Test Date	If candidates wish to retest, they must pay the LSAT fee each time they register. Examinees may not take the LSAT more than three times in any 2-year period.
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Note: It is very important to refer to the *2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book* for information on how to register for another test date.

Returning Examinations and Materials

Returning LSAT Examinations	Observe the procedures for returning exams in Part I of this <i>Handbook</i> for forwarding exams to:
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**Law School Admission Council
Test Administration
P.O. Box 2000-T
661 Penn Street
Newtown, PA 18940-0995**

Forward Exams Immediately	Completed exams and unused test materials must be forwarded to Law School Admission Council for scoring immediately following testing (same day).
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Scoring and Reporting

References	<p>The <i>2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book</i> will provide information in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test fees (refer to the "Dates and Fees" section of this chapter),• Score cancellations, accredited score recipients, the reporting process, and• LSDAS transcript summarization information.
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Score Interpretation	<p>For 2003-2004 LSAT or LSDAS registrants, Law Services will automatically report the results of all LSATs on an individual's file, including cancellations and absences, since 1 June 1998</p>
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Scores Earned after June 1994	<p>Scores after 1 June 1994 and before 1 June 1998 will be included on reports upon Law Services' receipt of the individual's written request.</p>
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Getting Your Score	<p>Examinees may obtain LSAT scores by:</p> <p><u>By E-mail</u></p> <p>Examinees with LSAC online accounts automatically receive their test scores approximately three weeks after taking the test.</p> <p><u>By Mail</u></p> <p>Score reports are mailed approximately four weeks after each test. Examinees who have LSAC online accounts will pay a one-time fee of \$25 to obtain hard-copy mailings of account information that is available online.</p> <p><u>By Telephone</u></p> <p>Test scores are available via TelScore for a fee of \$10 (credit card only) approximately three weeks after testing. Call TelScore at (215) 968-1200; available at all times except 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. (ET) Sundays.</p> <p>LSAT TelScore provides score and percentile rank for the most recently administered test, but not for any previous tests. Percentile ranks of nonstandard-time scores are not available and will not be reported. The telephone score release dates for each administration are:</p>
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LSAT Administration	Telephone Score Release Dates
4 Oct 03	27 Oct 03
6 Dec 03	5 Jan 04
7 Feb 04	1 Mar 04

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Scoring and Reporting, Continued

Scores on File Law Services will report an LSAT score for 9 years following the testing year in which the score was earned.

Up to 12 scores will be reported (including cancellations and absences).

Score Explanations LSAT scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly (the raw score). The raw scores are placed on an LSAT Scale Range of 120 - 180 (120 being the lowest possible score and 180 being the highest possible score).

This is accomplished through a statistical procedure known as "equating," which sets mean and standard deviations of one version to the LSAT equal to other versions. SCORE REPORTS SENT TO INSTITUTIONS GIVE THE PERCENTILE RANKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCORES.

A complete explanation of scores appears on the reverse side of the score report.

Testing Dates and Fees

Test Dates DANTES Test Centers designated as nonpublished test centers must administer the LSAT examination on the following dates **ONLY**. (Pay particular attention to receipt registration deadlines.)

Test Dates	Receipt Registration Deadlines	
	Foreign	U.S./P.R./Canada
4 Oct 03	8 Aug 03	29 Aug 03
6 Dec 03	10 Oct 03	31 Oct 03
7 Feb 04	12 Dec 03	2 Jan 04
14 Jun 04	9 Apr 04	7 May 04

Refer to the *2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book* for complete information and to the "Nonpublished Test Centers" section of this chapter.

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Testing Dates and Fees, Continued

Payment of Fees

THE LSAT IS NOT FUNDED BY DANTES. Fees must be paid by check or money order in U.S. dollars on a U.S. bank, made payable to Law School Admission Council at the time of registration, or by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or DISCOVER (be sure to include the credit card's expiration date).

Note: Law School Admission Council will return forms received without appropriate payment.

Test Fees/ Miscellaneous Fees

Military personnel and/or eligible civilians testing at a DANTES Test Center established as a nonpublished test center must refer to the "Nonpublished" section of this chapter. Law Services requires the following fees for each test administration or service:

Tests or Service	Fee
LSAT Fee Required each time testing occurs. (Includes up to 1 year score reporting to law schools that do not require the LSDAS.)	\$108
DANTES Nonpublished Test Center Fee (U.S./Puerto Rico/Canada)	\$199
DANTES Nonpublished Test Center Fee (Foreign and Deployed ships)	\$266
National Center LSAT Fee (Includes up to 1 year score reporting to law schools that do not require the LSDAS.)	\$108
Late Fee	\$54
Center Change Fee	\$28
Test Date Change Fee	\$28
Miscellaneous Fees	
Handscoring Fee	\$34
Former Registrant's LSAT Only Score Report Fee	\$34
LSDAS Fees	
LSDAS Subscription Fee - 5 year service (Includes score reporting to 1 law school requiring the LSDAS)	\$99
LSDAS Law School Reports (Ordered with initial LSDAS subscription.)	\$10
Additional LSDAS Reports (Ordered after initial LSDAS subscription is placed.)	\$12

Study Guides, Practice Tests, and Resource Materials

Order Materials

Order necessary materials from the following sources:

The items below are only shipped with the test materials:

Item	Source	Cost
<i>"LSAT Supervisor's Manual"</i>	1	None
"LSAT Answer Sheets" Provided with test booklets.	1	None

Order the items below using the form in the 2003-2004 *LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book* or submit a written request:

<i>"2003-2004 LSAT/LSDAS Registration and Information Book"</i> (Includes registration materials for the LSAT and subscription information for the LSDAS.) Available to DANTES Test Centers and examinees upon request.	2	None
<i>"The Official LSAT PrepTest"</i> (Each PrepTest is an actual LSAT administered on a previous test date. Includes answer key.)	2	\$8.00
<i>"LSAT: The Official TriplePrep"</i> (Contains 3 PrepTests.)	2	\$17.00 each
<i>"LSAT: The Official TriplePrep Plus"</i> (Contains 3 PrepTests, explanations, and extra writing samples.)	2	\$19.00
<i>"So You Want to be a Lawyer: A Practical Guide"</i>	2	\$12.00
<i>"The Official Guide to ABA approved Law Schools"</i> (2004 Edition)	2	\$24.00

Note: Postage is included in the price of the publication.

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